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DONALD WAYNE ALLEN ET AL.	)	
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Serial No. 08/970,312	)	Group Art Unit: 3673
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Filed November 14, 1997	)	Examiner: J. Lee
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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Applicant petitions for a one-month extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Please charge the \$110.00 fee to Shell Oil Company, Deposit Account No. 19-1800. An extra copy of this Petition is enclosed for that purpose.

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